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S.1, Special Branch. Station,

REPORT

Date October 5, 1938.

Subject "Friend", secret national salvation periodical, issue No. 3, Vol. I, dated 12-9-38.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang Forwarded by C. Gaufold D.I.

Attached herewith is a copy of the Vol. I, issue No. 3 of "Friend" (朋 友), a secret national salvation publication, dated 12-9-38, in which no editorial address is given. Its contents are briefly as follows :-

(1) Cartoon on the front page depicting a group of refugees sitting next to a dilapidated building. The cartoon bears the characters : "Return home to fight!".

(2) Commentary entitled "Return home and fight", urging that unemployed workers should return to their native homes to organize and train the masses in the country into guerilla bands in order to harrass the Japanese army and to preclude the possibility of any puppet organizations being formed by traitors.

(3) Article detailing the activities of Shanghai workers in connection with the commemoration of the 1st anniversary of the August 13th Incident.

(4) Article advocating the unification of the numerous labour bodies under one head.

(5) Correspondence complaining of the high-handed policy and oppressive attitude of the management of the Ford Hire Service towards its chauffeurs and mechanics, especially since the authority of the National Government was curtailed as a result of the withdrawal of the Chinese forces from the Shanghai area.

(6) Correspondence reporting on the generous contributions toward the Refugee Relief Fund and the War Chest despite the scanty amount wages of the people.

(7) Reproduction of a poem by General Feng Yu-hsiang, praising

the workers at the port of Marseille, France, for their determined stand against the shipment of cargoes destined for Japan.

(8) Publishers note that owing to lack of funds the publication of the present issue has been delayed. Readers are requested to render assistance financially and to forward constructive criticism on articles appearing in the publication.

(9) Report alleging that the manager of the Dah Sing (大新) Printing Shop, 18 Chin An Fong, Cunningham Road, is accepting orders from the "Enemy" for printing of documents etc. (This printing shop was visited by the Municipal Police on 6/7/38 resulting in the seizure of 1,000 handbills of a national salvation nature. The proprietor was arrested but later released upon furnishing a guarantee bond. (Vide Special Branch reports dated 6/7/38, 7/7/38 and 19/7/38.)

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REPORT

Date August 10, 19 38.

Subject National Salvation Movement - publication entitled "Friend."

Made by Inspt. Shih Ssu-chien Forwarded by C. Clausen

Forwarded herewith is a copy of a publication entitled "Friend" (朋友), inaugural issue, dated July 25, 1938, which purports to have emanated from the "Friend Weekly Society" but no address is mentioned. The copy was obtained by Special Branch detectives on August 9th.

This periodical which is of a national salvation and anti-Japanese nature contains the following articles :-

1) Cartoon on the front page, depicting four hands holding a man believed to represent a Japanese soldier, with the Chinese inscription "Tighten your grip".
2) Article entitled "Our views toward the People's Political Council" expressing regrets that the above Council did not select a representative from the labouring classes to act as a member of the Council.
3) Article entitled "Hard Work performed by the Hankow Iron Workers" eulogizing them in the work performed in making big iron swords for the Chinese armies. It states that the Hankow workers are willing to work as hard as they do because they have a labour union and the article advises the Shanghai workers to follow suit.
4) Article entitled "Fires spreading over the Three Eastern Provinces" describing how a number of arsenals, aerodromes, power plants, gasoline tanks, etc. in Mukden, Dairen, Tsitsihar, etc., were set on fire by some anti-war elements among the Japanese soldiers.
5) Article "Remarks by a postal worker about the July 7th Anniversary" which states on the July 7th Anniversary,

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the whole staff of the postal workers launched a contribution campaign and were successful in gathering a sum of $400 for the relief of refugees and for the Government's war chest.

6) Article "Commemoration of July 7th Anniversary by Various Mill Workers", giving the following summaries:-

a) About 500 workers of the XX Cotton Mill, a British concern, contributed funds, and a number of them observed the "Silence Ceremony" during noon on that day.

b) Several workers attached to the XX Cotton Mill gave lectures to their fellow-workers regarding the political, military and economical movements in the past year, and the future of the current war of resistance.

c) The Chung Hwa Book Company held a meeting in commemoration of the July 7th Anniversary, in which 57 staff members attended.

7) Article entitled "Soliciting articles in commemoration of the August 13th Anniversary" asking the public to contribute articles on the subject "My life during the past year" in order to commemorate the forthcoming August 13th Anniversary.

Copy to Mr Morch.

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